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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff  
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RE: **Average Cost for Nursing Facility Services**

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### Introduction

In accordance with 130 CMR 520.019(G)(1), MassHealth must impose a period of ineligibility for payment of nursing facility services when it has determined that a MassHealth applicant or member has made a disqualifying transfer of resources.

When calculating the period of ineligibility, MassHealth uses the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth. Periodically, this figure is revised to reflect increased costs.

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### Revised Average Cost of Nursing Home Services

Effective May 1, 2008, the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth **increased** from \$256 a day to \$267 a day.

The **date** MassHealth **receives** the application or eligibility review form determines which of the following amounts to use when calculating the period of ineligibility for a disqualifying transfer of resources.

- If received before May 1, 2008: use \$256.
- If received on or after May 1, 2008: use \$267.

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### Questions

If you have any questions about this memo, please have your MEC designee contact the Policy Hotline.

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